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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Marina Fishman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

General status

1. This is a First Action on the Merits. Claims 5 - 9 are pending in the case and are being examined.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 2, [0015] "formed in housing 12" should be corrected as --formed in housing 2--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida et al. [US 5,589,672].

Uchida et al. disclose an electrical switching device comprising:

- a housing [12] having interrupting chambers [Figure 20];
- a a cover [not numbered] capable of closing the housing; and

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- externally accessible terminal [4] contacts being secured in position in the housing;
- each interrupting chamber having disposed therein at least one arc quenching device [14] and a stationary switching contact [7] for a cooperating movable switching contact [1], the housing and the cover having formed therein guide and retaining elements [Figure 20] for both insertable cooling plates [22, fig 14] and arc splitter plate [2] stacks defining the arc quenching devices, the arc splitter stacks being interchangeable with the cooling plates [disclosed circuit breaker can function with cooling plate 22 and/or with splitter plates 2].

6. Claims 5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto [US 6,703,575].

Yamamoto discloses an electrical switching device comprising:

- a housing [6] having interrupting chambers [Figures 1, 5];
- a cover [20] capable of closing the housing; and
- externally accessible terminal [4] contacts being secured in position in the housing;
- each interrupting chamber having disposed therein at least one arc quenching device and a stationary switching contact [3] for a cooperating movable switching contact [1], the housing and the cover having formed therein guide and retaining elements

[6a,20a,b] for both insertable cooling plates [7, plates next to the contacts] and arc splitter plate [7, remaining plates] stacks defining the arc quenching devices, the arc splitter stacks being interchangeable with the cooling plates.

Regarding claim 6, Yamamoto discloses the guide and retaining elements [6a] include inner walls of the housing laterally bounding the interrupting chambers [Figures 1,2] and first retaining elements [20a,b] of the cover [20], the cooling plates being U-shaped and having outer legs and being supported with the outer legs on the inner walls of the housing, the cooling plates having end faces facing away from the cover in pocket-like formations of the housing, the U-shaped cooling plates further being held down by the first retaining elements [Column 6, lines 12 +].

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

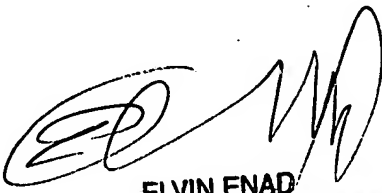
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marina Fishman whose telephone number is 571-272-1991. The examiner can normally be reached on 7-5 M-T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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